We are at the anniversary of the beginning of the

war in Iraq. Things are not going well. Our troops are strained. Our

generals are speaking to the President of the United States, who does

not seem to be listening. I would like to read this to the President of

the United States on this day.

General Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was asked

last month by a House panel whether he was comfortable with the

preparedness of Army units in the United States, he stated simply:

The Army Vice Chief of Staff, General Richard Cody, described as

``stark'' the level of readiness of Army units in the United States

which would be called on if another war breaks out. The readiness

continues to decline of our next-to-deploy forces, Cody told the House

Armed Services Committee Readiness Panel last week.

Mr. President, hear your generals and end this war now.